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CSR Establishes New Systemic Injury from Environmental Exposure Study Section

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has chartered a new study section that will review NIH grant applications focused on environmental health and toxicology. The Systemic Injury from Environmental Exposure (SIEE) study section grew out of a recurring special emphasis panel that was established in 2012.

"We are pleased to have created an appropriate home for this dynamic and important group of applications," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. He noted that the SIEE special emphasis panel has performed very well for the last five rounds, reviewing about 70-80 applications each time.

"We owe a big thank you to all the community members who helped," he continued. The development of SIEE was guided by a 2012 recommendation from a working group of respected toxicologists, biochemists, environmental health scientists and others from the scientific community. CSR's [Advisory Council](#) endorsed SIEE on May 19, 2014.

The first meeting of the SIEE as an official CSR study section will be held in the fall of 2014. This study section is in the [Digestive, Kidney and Urological Systems Integrated Review Group](#). SIEE covers environmental health science; molecular toxicology; and the interactions of environmental factors with genes, enzymes and other biomolecules. A full description is available on [CSR's website](#).

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH Institutes and Centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site— <http://www.csr.nih.gov> —or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

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